

COATESVILLE, PA 19320

OPENING DATE: 07/24/2009	POSITION <u>TITLE 38 PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY</u> Triage RN-Mental Health Clinic Patient Care Services – Mental Health VN-0610-N1/N3: \$55,426 PA to \$95,231 PA	ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER MPA #99 FY'09
CLOSING DATE: 08/07/2009		

PLEASE NOTE:

- The grade and salary will be based on a recommendation by the Professional Standards Board and approved by the Medical Center Director.
- Applicants will be required to complete electronic credentialing through Vet Pro.
- Applicants must be a citizen of the United States and must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38 U.S.C. 7402(d), 7407(d).
- Applicant must meet the physical requirements of the position (See VA Directive and Handbook 5019).

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: U.S. Citizens

DUTIES: The incumbent will report to the Director of Mental Health. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Performs comprehensive , physical, psychological and social assessments for the Mental Health Clinic and walk-in clinic.
- Prioritizes actual and potential problems and needs.
- Detects early clinical changes in veterans condition.
- Makes appropriate referrals for urgent treatment
- Manages all medical and psychiatric emergencies
- Initiates and implements suicide precautions when indicated
- Provides coverage for the Primary Care and Mental Health clinic RN's..

TOUR OF DUTY: Full time. Monday- Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION: Citizen of the U.S.; Graduate of a state-approved; National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited school of nursing. Baccalaureate degree in nursing with approximately two to three years of successful Mental Health practice and 5 years of general nursing practice; or, a master's degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited school of nursing and approximately two years successful Mental Health and 3 years general nursing practice; or, master's degree in a field related to nursing, a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited school of nursing and approximately 3 years of successful nursing practice in Mental Health. Active, current, full and restricted professional nurse registration. Physical and mental capabilities to satisfactorily perform assigned duties.

HOW TO APPLY: Internal applicants:

- Submit a memorandum referencing this announcement to Kirk Fernitz, Nursing Support (118) that outlines professional RN experience/accomplishments and education.

External Applicants must submit:

- VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists
- OF 306, Declaration for Federal Employment
- Complete résumé
- Official transcripts
- Verification of current, active RN State licensure
- Veterans must submit form DD-214 (Certificate of Discharge); 10 point preference eligible veterans should complete and attach form SF-15 (Application for 10 Point Veterans Preference) along with a letter (dated within the last 12 months) from the Department of Veteran Affairs certifying percent of service-connected disability.

Applications can be mailed to:

Coatesville VAMC
Attn: K. Fernitz (118)
1400 Blackhorse Hill Rd.
Coatesville, PA 19320

Or Faxed to: 610-380-4376

DRUG TESTING DESIGNATED: In accordance with Executive Order 12564, applicants selected for this position are required to submit to a drug test and receive a negative drug test result prior to appointment. In addition, this position is a drug-testing designated position subject to random testing for illegal drug use.

REMARKS: Management reserves the right to fill this position by other means such as reassignment, transfer, demotion, or hiring from outside the station at any time it is felt that this will result in the recruitment of a better qualified candidate. Discriminatory factors such as sex, race, color, national origin, religion, lawful political or employee organization affiliation, age, marital status, or non-disqualifying handicap, are not considerations in evaluating the qualifications of an employee. This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis. If you have qualifying experience or education not shown in your personnel folder, you should submit a résumé claiming this additional qualifying experience or education.

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